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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Application No.: 09/327,621

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For: STAGE UNIT, DRIVE TABLE, AND SCANNING EXPOSURE APPARATUS USING  
THE SAME



Group Art Unit: 2851

Examiner: P. Kim

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AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated July 13, 2000, the shortened statutory period for  
reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 28, line 5, change "65" to --66--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 11-25, 95 and 96 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant  
reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications to pursue these non-elected  
claims.

Please amend claims 26, 46 and 54 as follows:

26. (Amended) A stage apparatus for scanning an object [of scanning] that  
includes at least one of a mask and a photosensitive substrate, said stage apparatus being

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